

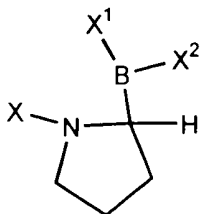
wherein each X¹ and X² is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group [capable of being] that is hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein A' comprises an amino acid; and

wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV activity.

42. (Thrice Amended) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of a compound of the following structure and at least one stereoisomer thereof:



wherein each X¹ and X² is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group [capable of being] that is hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein X comprises an amino acid or a peptide; and

wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV activity.

Please cancel claims 37, 38, 44, and 45 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 35-51 are pending in the application. Claims 35-51 stand rejected. Claims 35 and 42 are amended as above. Claims 37, 38, 44, and 45 are canceled.